

Amherst Recycling & Refuse Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2014, 4:30 PM, DPW Conference Room

Attending: Laurel Dickey, Craig Goff, John Root, Cristina Cox Fernandes, Brenda Kennedy-Davies, Arnie Alper, Arleen Miller (MA DEP--technical assistance), Susan Waite

- Approve 7/10/14 minutes – deferred to next meeting.
- Clarify solid waste strategic plan criteria, determine strategy –
 - Things to do:
 - Create timeline (Nov 1 requested as submission date for 10 year outline by Guilford)
 - Determine who will be approving the plan/ what is the process/ are public hearings involved?
 - Determine issues and questions we have/ what info do we need/ what info do we have?
 - Arlene recommends we call it a *solid waste master plan* rather than a zero waste plan.
 - For the official technical assistance grant, Arlene will need a town employee contact person (likely Susan). She will write a “scope” for the project.
 - It is highly atypical for a transfer station to generate income for capped landfill maintenance expenses.
 - Committee members and Arleen will review all visioning documents and John’s draft master plan. Determine categories to be addressed.
 - Arleen will visit the transfer station to learn more, meet with John Musante and Guilford Mooring.
 - Susan will send a Doodle to determine next meeting with Arleen.
- Group reports:
 - Compost – working group did not meet.
 - Transfer Station/SWEF – group did not meet and topic will be addressed by the solid waste master planning process.
 - Downtown recycling - press release went out, bins with inserts went out with signs, at least one sign has been removed. Initially there was a lot of trash mixed in with recycling. Need an update on how the program is going.
- New Business & topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to meeting – None.